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REORGANIZATION MEETING

Of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh held
At 1496 Route 300 in said township at 7:00 P.M.
On the 7th day of January, 2004

**Swearing in of Town Board Members: George A. Woolsey, Sr., Councilman;
Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Councilman; Wayne C. Booth, Supervisor by Judge Jude
Martini.**

Roll Call: Wayne C. Booth, Supervisor
George A. Woolsey, Sr., Councilman
Derek N. Benedict, Councilman
James E. Manley, Councilman
Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Councilman

Also Present: Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town of Newburgh
James W. Osborne, Town Engineer
Andrew J. Zarutskie, Town Clerk
Charlene M. Black, Deputy Town Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by newly elected Town of Newburgh Judge,
Richard Clarino.**

Moment of Silence

1. Adoption of Schedules for the Year 2004:

a. Schedule of Town Board Meetings as Presented- Regular Meetings and Audit /Work Sessions

MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to adopt the schedule of Town Board Meetings and the Audit / Work Session Meetings as presented, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Schedule of Holidays

MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to adopt the Schedule of Holidays as presented, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Appointment of Attorney for the Town of Newburgh

See attached letter from Mark Taylor.

MOTION was made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Mark Taylor as Attorney for the Town of Newburgh, seconded by Councilman Benedict.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio –

abstain; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 4-0-1 abstention.

3. Appointment of Tax Certiorari Attorney

This is a request to appoint the following:

David Murphy – Hacker & Murphy LLP

Lawrence Farbstein – Industrial & Utility Consultant Inc.

Barry M. Herbold – Empire State Appraisal Consultants

as Tax Certiorari Attorneys for the Town of Newburgh.

MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to appoint the above mentioned attorney for the purpose of Tax Certiorari at last years rate, seconded by Councilman Benedict.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Appointment of Bond Counsel

This is a request to appoint Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff
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as Bond Counsel for the Town of Newburgh..

MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to appoint Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff as Bond Council, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Appointment of Financial Advisor

This is a request to appoint Munistat Services Inc. as Financial Advisor for the Town of Newburgh.

MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to appoint Munistat Services Inc. as Financial Advisor, seconded by Councilman Benedict.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics

This is a request to reappoint Jeanne Patterson as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Newburgh and to reappoint Alice Stiteler as Deputy Registrar.

MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to appoint Jeanne Patterson as Registrar and Alice Stiteler as Deputy Registrar, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Appointment of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer

This is a request to reappoint Norma Jacobsen as F.O.I.A. Officer for the Town of Newburgh.

MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to appoint Norma Jacobsen as Freedom of Information Act Officer, seconded by Councilman Piaquadio.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Appointment of Planning Board Members

This is a request to reappoint J. Leo Glynn to the Planning Board for a three year term. Councilman Piaquadio explained he has nothing personal against Mr. Glynn but he feels the position should be advertised and interview applicants. Supervisor Booth explained that the other vacant position will be advertised and the applicants will be interviewed. Councilman Piaquadio still feels all reappointments should be done the same way.

MOTION was made by Councilman Manley to reappoint J. Leo Glynn as Planning Board Member for a three year term, seconded by Councilman Woolsey.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – abstain; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 4-0-1 abstention.

9. Appointment of Highway Superintendent

This is a request to reappoint Darrell Benedict as Highway Superintendent, for a two

year term to run consequently with the Town Supervisor's term which will expire in 2005.

MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to reappoint Darrell Benedict as Highway Superintendent for a two year term to run consequently with the Town Supervisor's term which will expire in 2005, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Darrell Benedict was asked to come forward at this time to be sworn in as Highway Superintendent and Councilman Derek Benedict was asked to come forward to hold a Bible. Andrew Zarutskie, Town Clerk, swore in Darrell Benedict.

Supervisor Booth asked Mr. Darrell Benedict, Highway Superintendent, if he'd like to make his Deputy Highway Superintendent's appointment at this time? Mr. Benedict said he'd like to reappoint Todd DePew as Deputy Highway Superintendent, with a term to concur with that of the Highway Superintendent.

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MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to reappoint Todd DePew as Deputy Highway Superintendent, with a term to concur with the Highway Superintendent, seconded by Councilman Benedict.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Appointment of Court Clerks and Establishment of Salaries

This is a request to appoint Frances Bockemuhl and Nancy Lopez as full-time Court Clerks with a salary of \$28,696.00 each.

MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to appoint Frances Bockemuhl and Nancy Lopez as Court Clerks with a salary of \$28,696.00 each, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Appointments of:

a. Court Clerks, Bingo Inspectors, Crossing Guards

b. Matrons, Parking Enforcement

See memo with names and positions.

MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to appoint all the above mentioned people to their perspective positions to the recommendation of Chief Kehoe, seconded by Councilman Woolsey.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

This is a request to approve the Sentinel and the Mid Hudson Times as our Official Newspapers for the Town of Newburgh.

MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to approve the Sentinel and the Mid Hudson Times as the Town of Newburgh's Official Newspapers, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Designation of Official Delegate and Alternate Delegate For Association of Towns Meeting in New York City in February 2004

This is a request to approve Elizabeth Greene as Delegate and George Woolsey as Alternate Delegate for the Association of Towns Meeting in February 2004.

MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to approve the designation of Elizabeth Greene as Delegate and George Woolsey as Alternate Delegate for the Association of Towns Meeting in February 2004, seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

14. Establish Per Diem For Association of Towns: \$75.00 Per Day

This is a request to keep the per diem at \$75.00 per day for the Association of Towns. MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to establish the per diem for the Association of Towns at \$75.00 per day, seconded by Councilman Woolsey. VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

15. Designation of Official Bank Depositories:

- a. Bank of New York**
- b. Key Bank N.A.**
- c. M & T Bank**
- d. Warwick Commercial Bank**
- e. Wachovia**
- f. Hudson United**
- g. Riverside Bank**

This is a request to designate the above mentioned banks as the Town's Official
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Depositories. These are the same except for Riverside which has been added because It is located in the Town of Newburgh, and is a growing bank. Councilman Manley wanted to know why we had so many banks? Supervisor Booth explained this gives the Accountant the liberty to use the bank with the best rates. The only other change is a name change Wachovia was First Union. MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to designate the above mentioned banks as the Town's Official Depositories, seconded by Councilman Benedict. VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

16. Authorize Town Supervisor To Sign Checks, Drafts and Notes To and For Authorized Banks

This is a request to authorize the Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks. MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to authorize the Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks, seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

17. Authorize Town Supervisor to Pay Electric, Other Utilities and Debt Services Prior to the Audit

This is a request to authorize the Supervisor to pay electric, other utilities and debt services prior to the Audit. MOTION was made by Councilman Piaquadio to authorize the Supervisor to pay electric, other utilities and debt services prior to the Audit, seconded by Councilman Woolsey. VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

18. Approval of Salaries in Accordance with the Adopted 2004 Budget

This is a request to approve the salaries in accordance to the Adopted 2004 Budget. MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to approve the salaries in accordance to the Adopted 2004 Budget, seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

19. Salaries for Election Chairpersons (\$150.00) & Inspectors (\$135.00)

This is a request to approve the salaries for the Election Chairpersons (\$150.00) and the Inspectors (\$135.00). Mr. Zarutskie, Town Clerk explained how these salaries in the future should be raised. These people work long hours. He also knows the Board had to keep taxes down so they couldn't give these people a raise. But New Windsor, Montgomery and Cornwall have all raised the Inspectors' salary and we have lost a lot of people to these municipalities. Please keep in mind for next year's

budget.

MOTION was made by Councilman Woolsey to approve the Election Chairpersons and Inspectors salary as mentioned above, seconded by Councilman Benedict.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr.

Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

20. Supervisor Appointments

a. Secretary to the Supervisor

Supervisor Booth is reappointing Cynthia Martinez as his secretary for 2004.

b. Deputy Supervisor

Supervisor Booth is reappointing Derek Benedict as his Deputy for 2004.

c. Historian

Supervisor Booth is reappointing Les Cornell as Town Historian for 2004.

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d. Liaison Officers to Town Departments

See attached list of Liaisons and the departments.

Supervisor Booth asked the Board to look over the list and if anyone feels they can not work with any of the departments they are assigned to, please let him know by the next meeting.

21 Announcements:

**a. Town Clerk's Appointments: Charlene Black First Deputy
Jeanne Patterson Second Deputy**

**b. Receiver of Taxes Appointments: Mary Lou Venuto First Deputy
Priscilla Weed Second Deputy**

**c. Michael Fogarty is Sole Assessor for the Town, Serving a Six Year Term
Expiring September 2007**

**d. Stanley Marks and Company, LLP are Certified Public Accountants for the
Town**

Supervisor Booth would like to thank everyone for their support and there are many projects we are going forward on. He explained how he has spoken to all the Councilmen and they have an agreement that we are going to work as a whole for the benefit of the Town. We have many programs that were started last year that we are aiming to finish. The main one is working with the new City of Newburgh Mayor Nick Valentine on settling the sewer moratorium. We are scheduled to meet next week to try to formally resolve this dispute. We are working hard to complete our master plan and the zoning so we can preserve the integrity of the Town. He is confident that this Board will work together and accomplish these goals. We have agreed to put away any difference we have had in the past and to work as a team.

Councilman Piaquadio would like to thank everyone who put him in this position. There is a Latin definition for Council that goes back a couple of thousand years that means, "a few that do good for many". He is in agreement with Supervisor Booth that everyone on the Board that might have had disagreements to put them aside and go ahead for the good of the Town. He really wants to keep the taxes down because that becomes a quality of life issue. He hopes that the Sewer Moratorium will be solved. There are a lot of safety issues that need to be addressed. He has always been into the safety aspect. A disaster plan needs to be in place. A number of years ago on 84 a truck spill, which did not turn out to be as bad as they thought, emptied a lot of roads, Russell Road and so on. People ended up at the Salvation Army. People did not know where to go. Do we know where to go in the Town. Everyone says the fire house. Will there be a blanket there for you, will you be received properly. He is hoping to go over these things with the Supervisor, the Councilmen, the Chief of Police and the Fire and everyone else

involved in this. The discoloration of the water is an issue. There is a tremendous amount of traffic concerns in the Town that need to be looked at. Having been on the Planning Board for six years, he has some background about the Zoning Board, private roads and codes. We need to work together as a Board to accomplish anything.

Councilman Manley would like to thank the employees of the Town for their hard work. We forget who keeps the Town functioning; it's both the employees and the many people who volunteer their time with the Town of Newburgh. Thanks to our volunteers, Fire Departments, ambulance corps and most of all our citizens of the Town for making the Town a great place to live. As a community, we have the people who are there. If there is a disaster or if someone's home burns down or some kind of tragedy, our residents are there. There are a couple of re-appointments tonight that he would like to thank. Mr. Fogarty is here tonight and Mike goes above and beyond his job. He helps our seniors when they have questions and he puts in countless hours. He is a hard worker and he exhibits the caliber of

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the people we have working for the Town. There are a lot Mike Fogartys in the Town. Our thanks to our emergency services and our Police Department, who work twenty four seven, our Highway Department and all the departments who keep us running.

Councilman Benedict said actions speak louder than words and he is looking forward to a new year and a new Board. He is hoping to move the Town forward in a lot of areas. He is looking forward to this Board rallying the support of not only the employees but also the management team of the team. Have a safe New Year and God Bless.

Councilman Woolsey would like thank the constituents of the Town of Newburgh for having the trust in him to re-elect him for four more years. He wants to thank his family who have been very supportive. He thanked the employees of the Town who also have supported him. Together (stressed strongly), we need to put any personal feelings aside, we can make this Town one of the best in Orange County and in the State of New York. By doing this, we rank our standard of living high on the list of places people would want to come to. If we have problems we will work to solve them. We need as a Board, to keep our personal feelings aside. He would like again to thank the employees of the Town because they are the back bone of the Town.

Andrew Zarutskie said he is here for two reasons. One is to serve the Board and the other is to serve the community. For the past two years he has done the best he could and he plans on doing his best.

As Senior Councilman, Mr. Woolsey would like to thank Mr. Zarutskie.

Supervisor Booth would like to invite everyone to stay for cake, coffee and a cold cut platter.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Councilman Benedict to adjourn the Reorganization meeting of January 7, 2004 at 7:57 P.M., seconded by Councilman Woolsey.

VOTE: Mr. Woolsey – aye; Mr. Benedict – aye; Mr. Manley – aye; Mr. Piaquadio – aye; Mr. Booth – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Andrew J. Zarutskie, Town Clerk

by

Charlene M. Black, Deputy Town Clerk